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REMARKS

The Office Action of August 31, 2007 was received and carefully reviewed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the currently pending rejections are requested for the reasons advanced in detail below.

By this amendment, claim 1 is amended. Consequently, claims 1-12 are currently pending in the instant application.

The Oath/Declaration was cited for being defective. Applicant submits herewith a new oath which is believed to be in compliance.

The abstract was objected to by the Examiner. Amendments to the abstract are presented herewith and are believed to be in compliance with the proper language and format.

Claims 1-12 were objected to because of informalities. Amendments to claim 1 are submitted herewith in order to obviate the Examiner's concerns. The claims are believed to be in compliance.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant therefore requests the entry of this response, the Examiner's reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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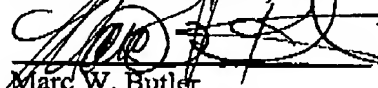
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Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite issuance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned patent agent at (202) 585-8316.

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